

85th Lig. Co.
Apr - 85, 9 PM
San Angeles, Calif.

Dear Miss Switzer,

I hope you will not think I am being too forward in writing you. Well in case you do I have a good excuse. Do you remember this is the answer to your note.

Are you working hard and how is the heat treating you? I know the answer to that. You are working hard and are about to burn up. Same here. How would you like to be laying on the beach back in good old Florida?

Have you been down to Mexico yet? I am sorry you couldn't go with me.

This place we are in here is really out in the sticks. It is only 68 miles from town. I

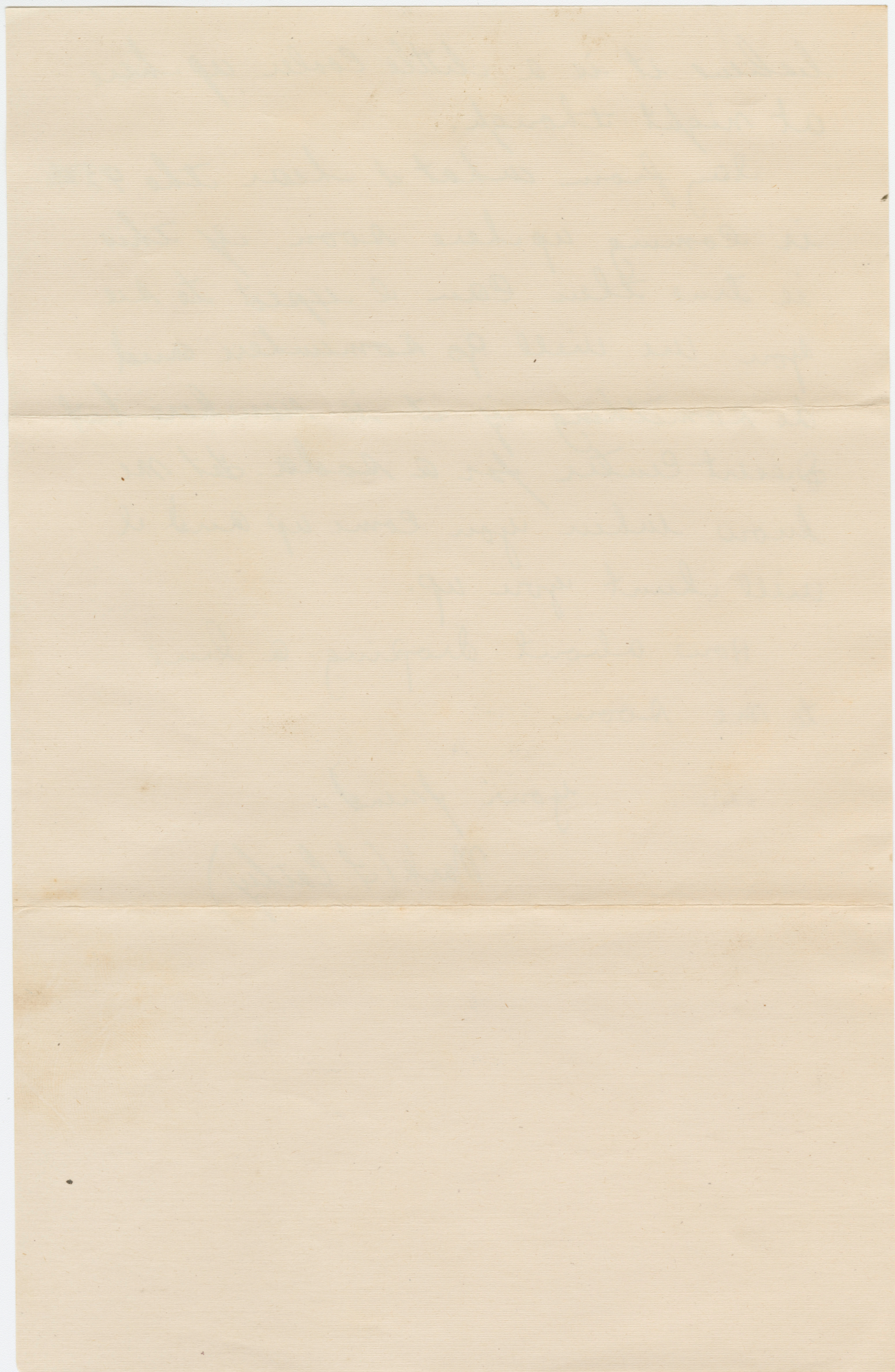
believes it is a little cooler up here
at night though.

Day from what I hear the 9th
is coming up here soon. If this
is true then can I expect to see
you. We will go somewhere and
do something if it is nowhere but
Desert Center for a soda. Let me
know when you come up and I
will hunt you up.

How about dropping a line
to me soon.

your friend

Mark (L. Cathy)



St. Mary & Cathy
89th Sig Co
APO 85 1/2 PM
Los Angeles, Calif.

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St. Mary Switzer
97th Evacuation Hosp

1/2 postmaster

Los Angeles, Calif.



HQ. CO. 4TH ARM'D. SIG. BN.
CAMP POLK, LA.

Dear Mary.

I was really surprised to get a letter from you yesterday. I had begun to think, well she just laughed when she got the letter from me and said to herself. "Why should I write to that phantail." However your letter proved me to be all wrong.

About three days after I wrote you the letter I was transferred to the 4th Arm'd. Sig. Bn. at Camp Young, Calif. Then about two weeks later the whole unit was sent here to Camp Polk. It is just a little bit closer to God's Country here anyway although I don't care much for the swamps and insects.

From what you write I take it that you are really going through some rough training out there. For some reason or

NO. 60. 7th ARM'D. INF. BR.
CAMP FOLK, LA.

Dear Mary,

I was really surprised to get a
letter from you yesterday. I had begun
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to herself "why should I write to that
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and insects.

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it that you are really going
through some rough training
out there. For some reason or

other I just can't picture a woman taking all of that rough training. I guess anything is apt to happen in war though.

By the way it looks like we missed our little rendezvous with the soda. Well who knows we may get to collect it yet. If I ever get near the 97th - remember we have a date, and the same goes for you - I hope! - Anyway I would like to hear from you every once in a while. Are you agreeable to that.

We are starting our preparation for a physical endurance test for the whole Bu, and believe me we are having to put out.

I guess you are getting tired of this by now. If you are not just tell me! Sometimes I ramble on for hours until it looks like a book.

Ans soon,
Mark

other I just don't picture a woman
taking all of that sort of training &
giving anything in apt to happen
in her thought.
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missed our little rendezvous with the
Rabbi. Well who knows we may
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it we have

near the 7th & 10th
I bet, and the house goes for you
& I bet! - Anyway I would like
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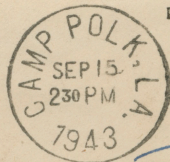
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for hours until it looks like a
book.

One soon
Mark

~~WAR DEPARTMENT~~

Lt. Mark S. Cathy
~~49. Co. 4th Armd. Sig Bn.~~
~~Camp Polk, La.~~

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Lt. Mary ⁴ Switzer N-763267

~~Torney Gen. Hosp. 97th Evac. Hosp. S. M.~~
~~Palm Springs, Calif. APO-184 4 P.M.~~

9/29/43 *mm*

~~Los Angeles, Calif.~~



4th Armd. Sig. Bn.
Camp Park, Va.

Dear Mary.

I got your letter this morning. It really was a surprise too for I had begun to think that poor Mary was gone forever. I hope you don't object to me answering it so soon, because I am like you, if I don't do it right away I will forget it for a long time.

Say I am going to really be a moonie fan now that you are a star, even if it is a desert star. You are lucky to get to cross the infiltration course out there - no mud. We went through it Sunday before last and as luck would have it, it rained Saturday night so the mud was about two feet deep. Boy, was I a pretty sight when I came out. I crossed it

4th Street
Camp Park, Pa.

Dear Mary

I got your letter this morning & really was a surprise too for I had never to think that poor Mary was gone forever. I hope you don't object to me answering it as soon as possible. I am like you, if I don't do it right away I will forget it for a long time.

Boy I am going to really be a movie fan now that you are a star. Even if it is a silent star. You are lucky to get to know the infatuation course out there - no mud. We went through it Sunday before last and as luck would have it, it rained about two feet as the mud was a pretty sight. Boy, was I gone out. I covered it

just like a submarine.

you know I certainly am
moving from one place to the
other enough. Next week I am
going home for ten days and
from there I am going to the
Air Force in Nashville, Tenn. I
will be there for a couple of
weeks and from there no one
knows where I will end up. I
will let you know though. You
can write me here, I will get
it eventually.

I had two nice big Scotch &
Sodas last night. one of them was
for you to wash down the desert
dust. Naturally it was the best of
the two, at the time I wondered why
it was so good. I thought it was
because it was the second one that
I know it wasn't.

This is a fine time to bring
it up, but I really enjoyed getting

just like a tubercule.
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I had two nice hip boots
last night. One of them was
for you to work down the best
but. Naturally it was the best of
the two. At the time I worked very
it was so good. I thought it was
because it was the best one but
I know it wasn't.
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your letter. you write a very nice
letter. I can tell you in three
words how to improve them and
make me like them much better -
Make them longer -

I would like to see you Mary
but you are just too damn far
away - why? Maybe I will fly over
to see you sometime - how about it?

Well you must be getting tired
of this rambling chatter by now
so I will shut up and go to
work.

Be good & write when you
get a chance -

Love,
Mark

P.S. Can't listen to the music for you now
I'm listening to the football game. Will listen
at the officers club dance for you tonight
though.

Mark
Pardon the free no stamps

your letter. you write a very nice
letter. I can tell you in three
words how to improve them and
make me like them much better.
Make them longer.

I would like to see you many
but you are just too busy for
now. I will try to see you
some day - why? Maybe I will
try to see you sometime - how about it?
I will see you must be getting tired
of this rambling chatter by now
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work.

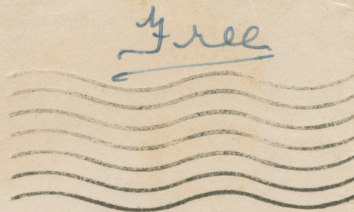
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Love
Mark

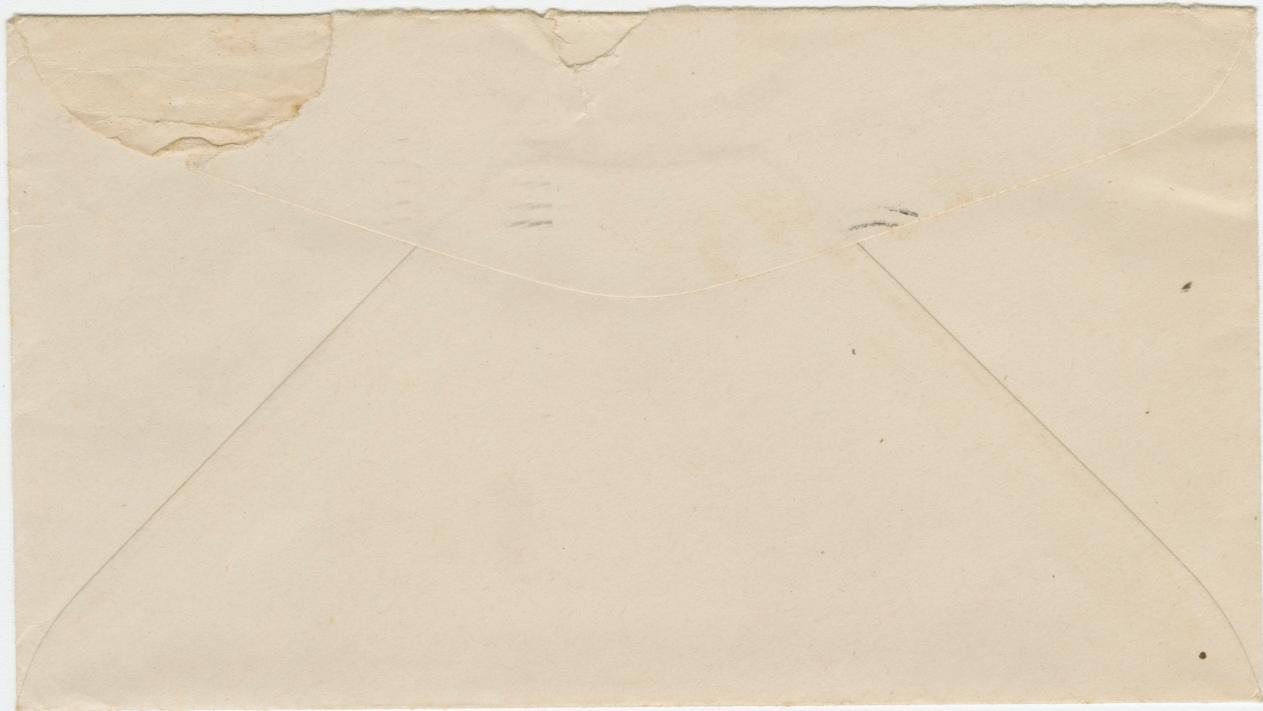
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though.

Mark
Pardon the long no stamps.

H. M. S. Cathey O-1634604
Hq. Co. 4th Armd. Sig. Bn.
Camp Polk, La.



St. Mary G. Switzer N-763267
97th Evac. Hosp. Unit, S.M.
a.p.o. 183, 1/2 PM
Los Angeles, Calif.



Student officer Det.
Flight 4
Maxwell Field, Ala.
23 Dec 43

Dear Mary,

I got your change of address card today after having it travel all over the country in search of me, and believe it or not it was appreciated as much as anything I have got for Christmas. Yes, I shall never forget the beautiful nurse in the pair of coveralls who refused to go AWOL to have dinner with me. HA - That was a good one. At least I got to meet you though and I think we have a date for a Scotch and Soda when this war is over.

I can't guess where you are, but I certainly envy you. I wish I could get over there. As you can probably guess by now, I am in the Air Force now and am taking pilot training. Oh by the way in case you didn't get the last letter I wrote you. The Gold has

have changed color.

How about a nice long letter
and give me all of the news. Do
you know it has been months
since I have heard from you.

By the way maybe I will be
dropping in on you over there.
Well lets not make it dropping in.
Maybe I had better just land
and walk in.

Write soon

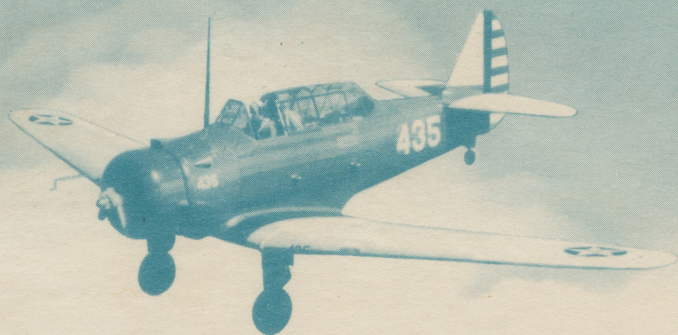
Love
Mark

1st Lt. Mark J. Cathy 0-1634604
Student officer Det.
Flight A
Maxwell Field, Ala.



Lt. Mary J. Switzer N-763267
97th Evacuation Hosp S.M.
APO 9130
c/o postmaster New York, N.Y.





NEWPORT
ARMY AIR FIELD
Newport, Arkansas

Student officer Det.
NAAF - Newport, Ark.

5-10-44

Dear Mary,

Well at last I hear from my nasse. It has been exactly three months since I had heard. I had practically given you up as a casualty. It sure was nice to get your letter. Somehow I enjoy your letters an awful lot. They are almost like talking to you.

Things are pretty dull around here. I haven't been tight in an awful long time. Everything has been strictly business between me and that airplane. I am doing pretty good with my flying up to now. It is a lot of fun but believe it or not it can't be an awful lot of work too. I have about ten weeks to go before I finish up my course. Then perhaps I will be dropping in on you. How would you like that. Do you think you would know me if I did get to drop in on you. Well in my next letter to you I promise faithfully to send you a picture. Do you



ARMY AIR CORPS

Post Office

2nd Street, New York, N.Y.

1918 - 1919

8-10-44



Dear Mary,

It has been such a long time since I had heard from you. I had heard you had practically given up on a business. I have been very busy with my letter. I have been very busy with my letter. I have been very busy with my letter.

I haven't been tight in an awful long time. Everything has been pretty business between me and that business. I am doing pretty good with my flying up to now. It is a lot of fun. I believe it is not it but I am sure I have a lot of work too. I have about the same to go before I finish up my course. I will be dropping in on you soon. I would love to see you. I would love to see you. I would love to see you. I would love to see you. I would love to see you.




NEWPORT
ARMY AIR FIELD
Newport, Arkansas

believe it? Oh you dont. Well I will.
They do got some film in over at
the p.x. this week so now I can
make some pictures -

You said that you would like
to learn to fly someday. Well I put in
my bid for teaching you. How about
it? -

By the way this morale building
works both ways. My morale is
low as —. You can keep it up
by keeping me busy answering
your letters -

~~Can't~~ Can't think of anything
else to say now. Be good and
take care of yourself. Write often -

lots of love
Mark

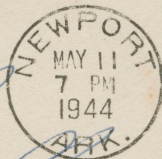
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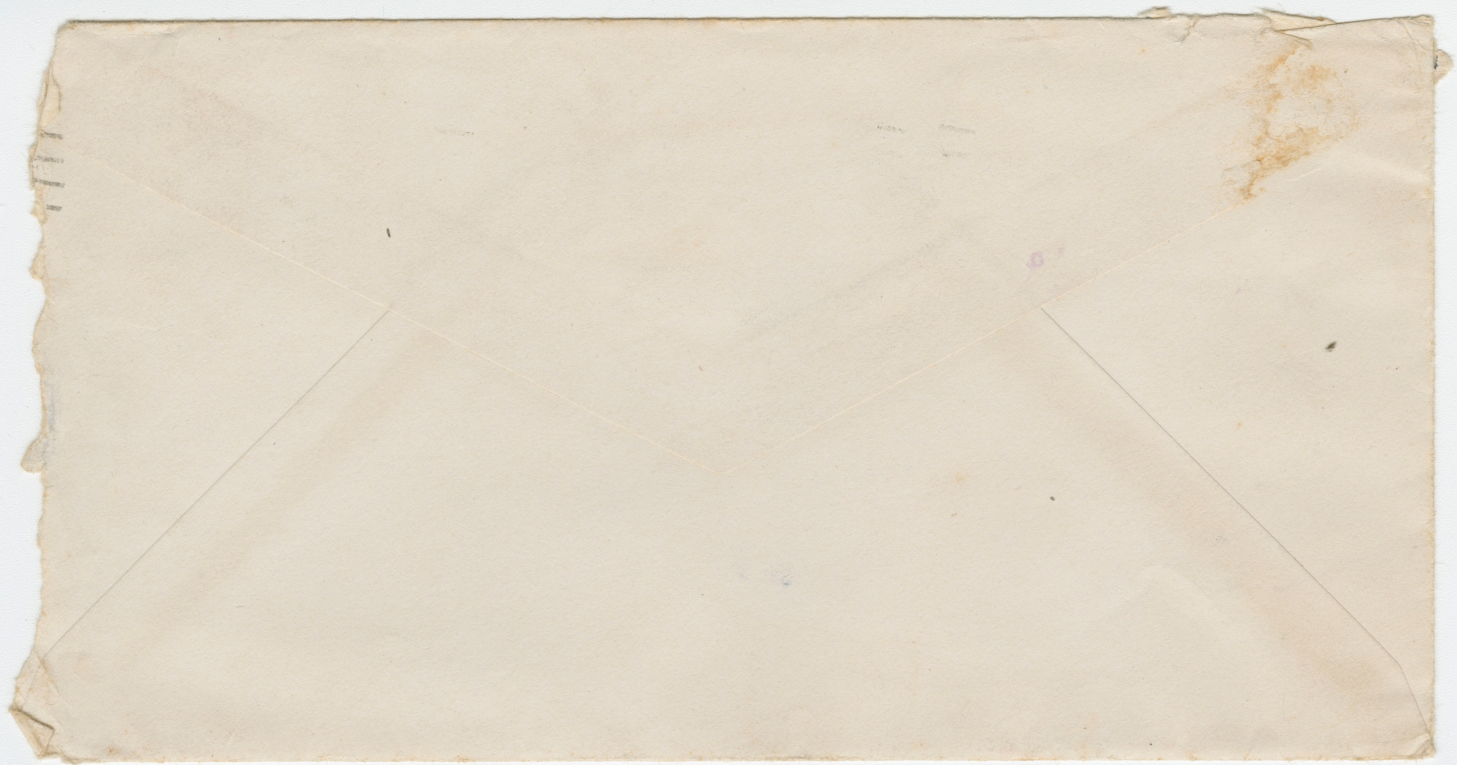
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else to say now. The good and
take care of yourself. Write often.
Love
Mark

St. Mark L. Cathy 0-1634604
Student officer Det.
NAAF - Newport, Ark.



St. Mary L. Switzer N-763-267
97TH Evac. Hosp., S. M.
A.P.O. 230, 7/8 PM
New York, N.Y.



George Field
Lawrenceville, Ill.
June 16-44

Dearest Mary,

I hope you don't mind the dearest and if you do you can't do anything about it. you are too far away. Would you ~~you~~ too. Got your letter yesterday. It had been sent to Ark and finally caught up with me here. It was an awful nice letter. your letters are always nice.

Guess I will be here for another two months then I don't know where I will end up. Maybe I will be dropping in on you. I hope so. as far as the welcome you would give me - yes I could think of a better way but you might not like it so I will have to be content with the long lost brother type of welcome. Oh by the way does the long lost brother get a kiss - ha - I have you on that one.

I sure miss you getting to see London and all the places over there. Sure wish I could. Well I am

getting around a little over here. I was
down to St. Louis last week. I think
I will get a cross country to Pittsburgh
about week after next.

Oh by the way I had a nice
tall Tom Collins just for you while I
was in St. Louis. Wish you could
have helped me drink a few of them. My
biggest trouble was that I tried to get
you and I both drunk and it halfway
succeeded.

I am having to work like the
**!! here, but I am liking it. There
is nothing I like better than flying.
I'll take you for a ride someday.

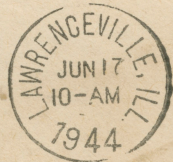
Boy is it hot here. I have
been sweating all day. Worse than
Camp Knob. I have a big fan
in my office tonight so it keeps
things a little bit cool.

Well I guess I had better sign
off for now. You are probably getting
tired of this nothing. Be good and
please write soon. Give me priority
over those other twenty letters.

Love,
Mark.

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is mirrored and difficult to decipher.]

1ST LT. Mark L. Cathey O-1634604
George Fieldt
Lawrenceville, Ill.



Lt. Mary F. Sautzer N-763267
797TH Enac. Post, S. M.

APO, 230, 9 P.M.
New York, N.Y.





ARMY AIR FORCES

SECT "G" O.T.S. SAAF
WARRENSBURG, MO.

OCT, 24, 1944

Dear Mary,

No, there wasn't any smelling salts but someone handed me a bottle of beer and I quickly recovered. The shock wasn't so bad for I had an idea that you would write before long. It sure was a nice letter. Wish I could get one often like it but I know you are very busy Mary so I don't say a word. Just write when you can.

I sure do envy you the places you have been and the sights you have seen. Wish I could get to see them but I don't guess I will. There is probably a lot of interesting sights in the South Pacific. I will tell you more about it in two or three months.

You must have been a beauty walking down the

SECT 8 OTS 284
WESTERN BUREAU
COT 24 1914



Dear Mary

The letter arrived and I was
glad to hear from you and
to hear of your good health
and that you were all well.

I am glad to hear that you
are all well and that you
are enjoying your trip. I
hope you will have a very
pleasant trip and that you
will all be well when you
return. I am sure you will
have a very good time.

I am sure you will have a
very good time and that you
will all be well when you
return. I am sure you will
have a very good time.

streets of Paris in your
new 9.11 fashion suit of "44". You
would have looked good to
me in it. I would ^{so} like to see
you now. I sure could do a
lot of talking, and a lot more of
asking questions.

I am flying 47th now. It is
a lot of fun and a lot of
work. By the way don't forget
I have a date with you to
go buzzing when we are back.

Belgium must be a very
nice place. I have a friend
who studied over there
before the war and she used
to tell me about it. It must
be quite a different place now
though.

You should see the dog I
have. He is a gold colored
Cocker Spaniel. He is a cute
little fellow. The boys named
him for me. He is Rusty, The
Duke of Knobmaster. Knobmaster is



ARMY AIR FORCES

a little two bit town about
the size of  Desert Center.

My old outfit in fighting over
there in France somewhere. You
might run into some of the fellows
that I soldiered with in 1940 & 41.

The censor may not like me telling
you my old outfit is the
30th Signal Co. Any of the old
boys know me. If you run
into any of them, which is
doubtful, tell them hello for
me.

This is about all I can
think of to write now. I promise
to do much better next time.

Write soon Mary and take
care of yourself. I hope & pray
that this war will end soon
and you will all be back
and with Gods help you will
be.

Write soon - love,

Mark.

P.S. on the buggy ride who would
have been the right fellow, or is
that too personal.
me



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1st Lt. M.G. Kelly G-1634604
Sect "4" O.T.S. SAAF
Warrensburg, Mo.

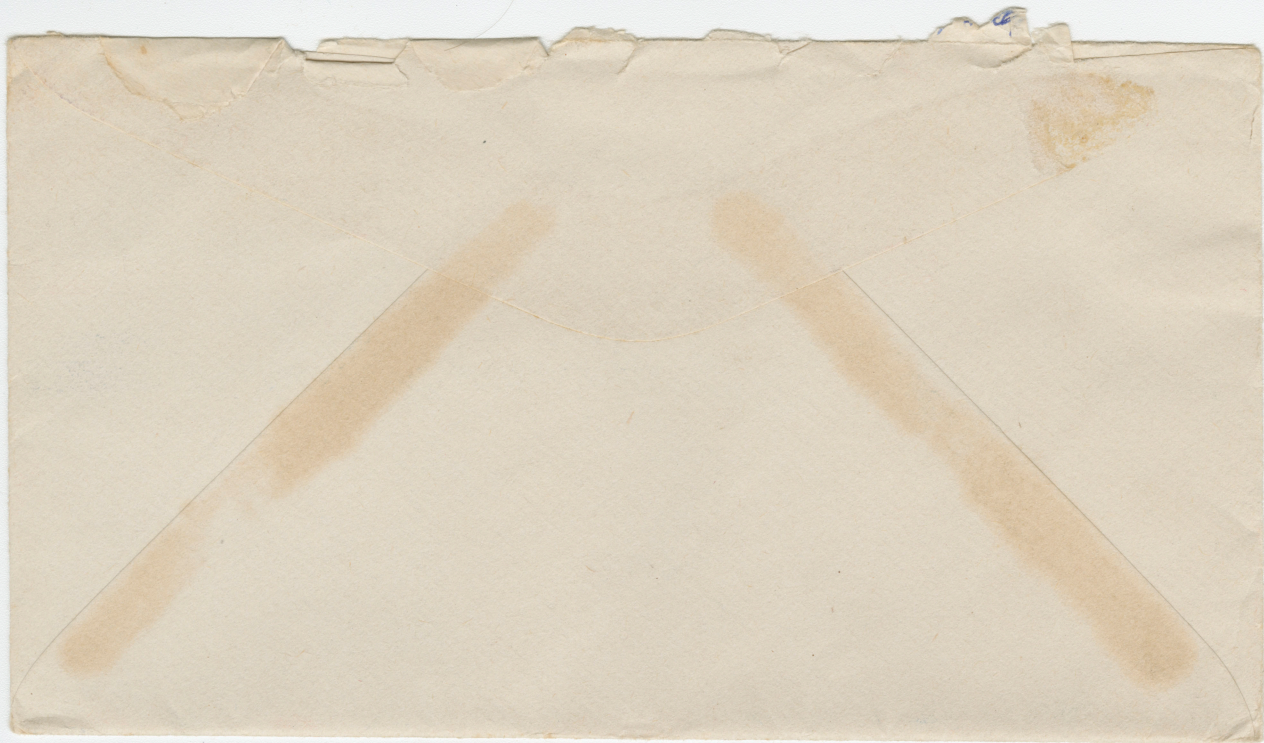
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St. Mary & Switzer N-763267
797th Evac Hosp

Apr 230. 1/2 PM

New York, N.Y.







Above a weary world there shines
The same bright Christmas star,
The light of faith, and hope, and love
On dear ones ~ near and far !

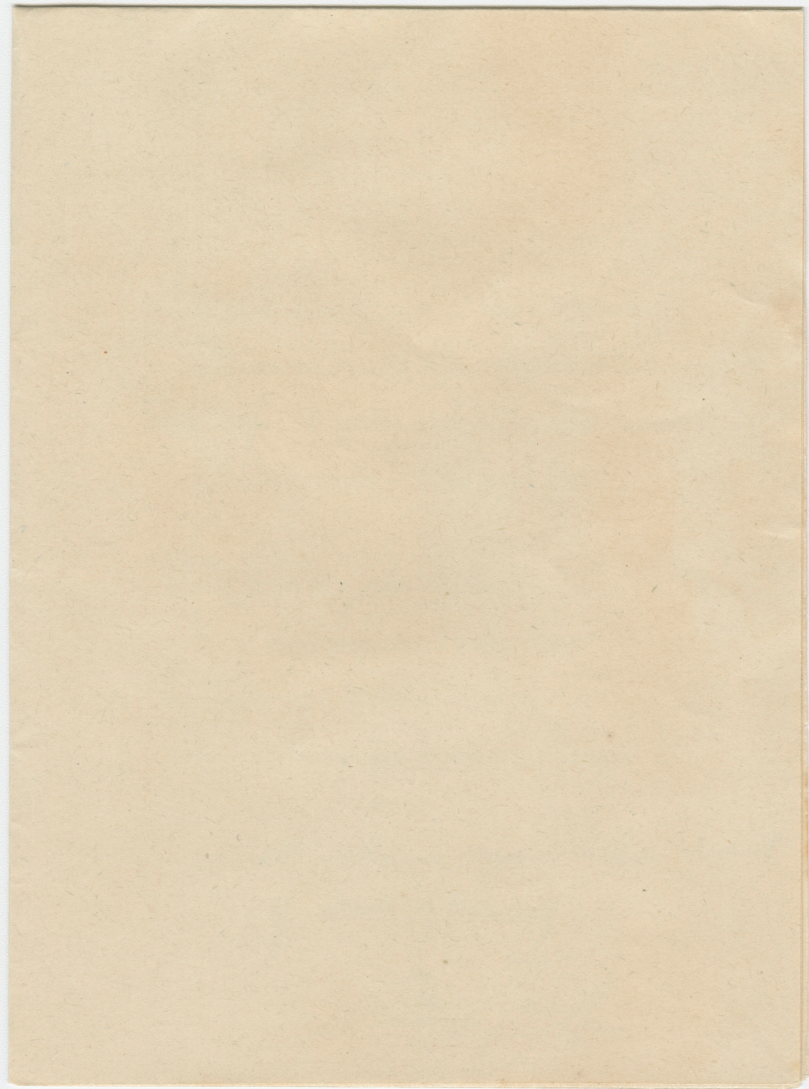
May it bring new gladness,
New courage, and new cheer,
To bless you at this season
And to keep you through the year !

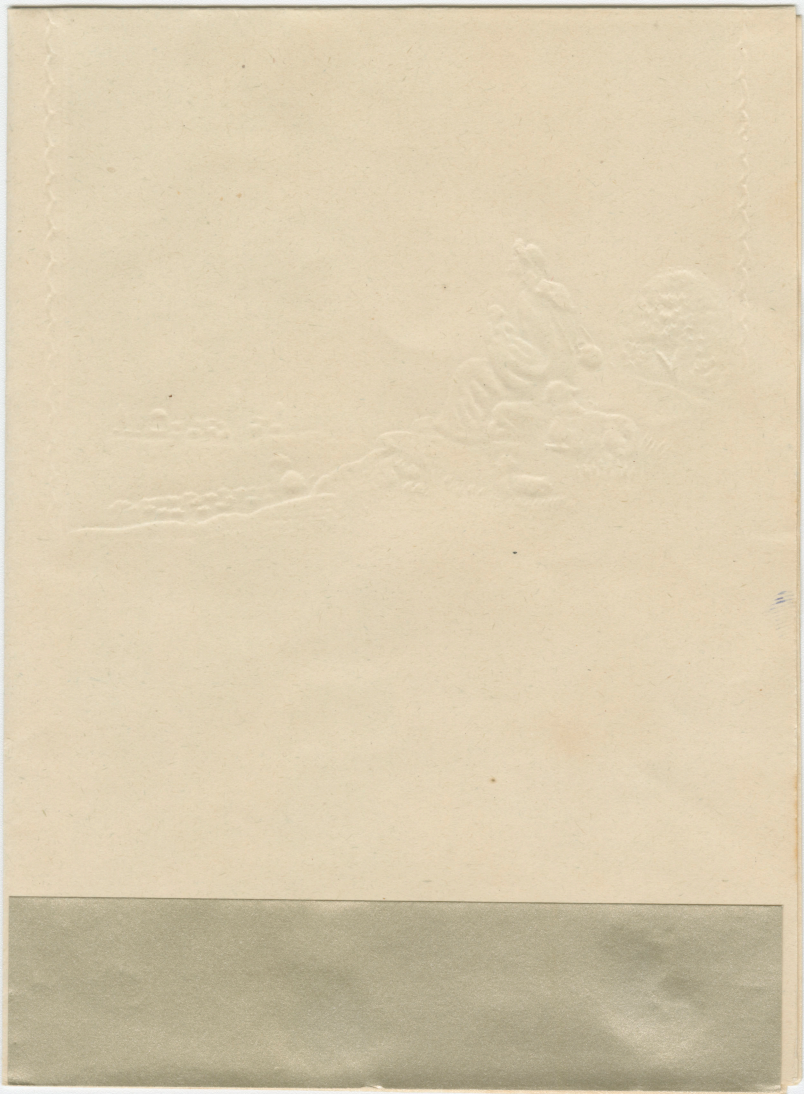
Wishing you the best
of everything

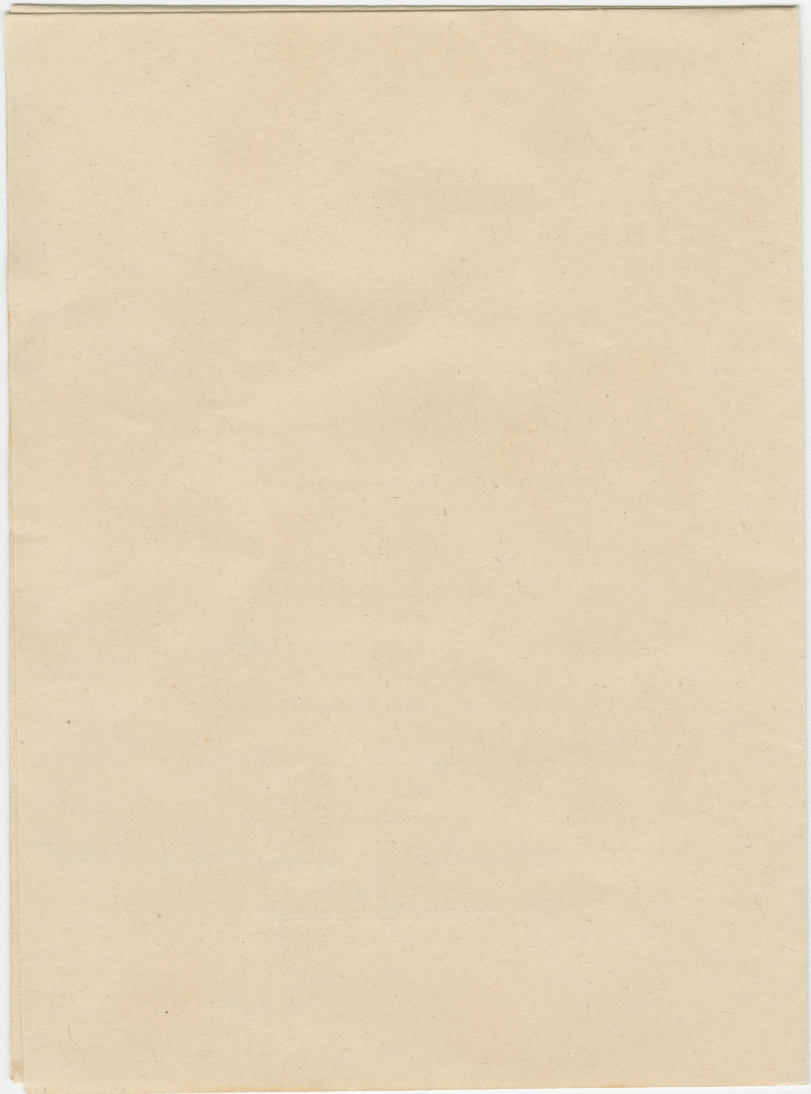
Mark











1st Lt. Mary ^{Carney}
SQ "G" O.T.S. 95AH
Warrensburg, Mo.



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